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Senator Young said Senator Ellender was pushing bills through and they might adjourn as early as 8 December.

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25X1 3. [redacted] Met with Ralph Preston, House Appropriations Committee staff, and discussed the Defense Appropriations bill, H. R. 11731, sent to the Senate this week. Mr. Preston was most helpful.

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4. [redacted] Met briefly with Al Westphal, House Foreign Affairs Committee staff, who told me that the Radios bill has now been scheduled for tomorrow afternoon, Friday, November 19, for discussion by the House.

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10. [REDACTED] In a chance meeting in the Capitol, Harry Symmes, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Congressional Relations, said he understood that when General Westmoreland was testifying before the Foreign Relations Committee he was asked if the Agency had any interest

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[REDACTED] According to Symmes' information. [REDACTED]

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I told Symmes we had been in touch with the Pentagon in advance of the appearance of the Joint Chiefs and that General Lambert was well briefed on this. He suggested we might want to check with Defense on this.

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[REDACTED] is looking into this.

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11. [REDACTED] Talked with Bill Woodruff, Counsel, Senate Appropriations Committee, who said there was some concern in the Senate over the recent changes in the intelligence setup. See Memorandum for the Record.

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13. [REDACTED] Received a call from Mr. John Lally, Assistant Counsel, Special Subcommittee on Armed Services Investigating of the House Committee on Armed Services, who asked if we could verify for Chairman Hebert information given to the Committee a few moments before in hearings that are being conducted today concerning the Cuban International Society of Sugar Cane Technologists who arrived in New Orleans on 26 October 1971 and are being held for deportation. See Memorandum for the Record.

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14. [REDACTED] Met with Mr. William Phillips, Staff Director, Subcommittee on Foreign Operations and Government Information of the House Committee on Government Operations, and reviewed with him the draft Agency response to the Chairman's request of 26 October 1971 concerning "the degree of public participation in formal meetings and hearings conducted within the Executive Branch and other agencies." Mr. Phillips indicated that the response, in his opinion, would be completely acceptable. He noted in passing that this was the first response of any kind the Committee has had to the questionnaire.

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Friday - 5 November 1971

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1. [REDACTED] Received a call from Mr. Frank Slatinshek, Assistant Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, who told me that he has a draft of language for the conference report and wants to insure that it meets our needs as much as possible. I told him that Mr. Maury and [REDACTED] were on the Hill and I would have one of them meet with him as soon as possible.

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2. [REDACTED] Received a call from John Clarke, OPPB, who told [REDACTED]

should be made with Senator Stennis, Chairman, Senate Armed Services Committee, for this information. I told Mr. Clarke that it would be necessary to check with Senator Stennis before such a report is forwarded back to the Committee to insure his approval. Mr. Clarke indicated that probably nothing much can happen before Monday. He will keep our office advised.

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3. [REDACTED] The Director met with Senators Ellender, Stennis, and Margaret Chase Smith and Representative Mahon whom he briefed on the White House announcement regarding the intelligence community. See Memo for the Record.

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Thursday - 4 November 1971

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1. [REDACTED] Met with Mr. Robert Lockhart, House Post Office and Civil Service Committee staff, who told me that the regular meeting of the full Committee has been scheduled for 10:00 a.m., Thursday, 18 November with the same agenda including H.R. 11150, the Ervin bill, that was scheduled for the last meeting when the Committee was unable to reach a quorum.

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2. [REDACTED] Met with Miss Valerie Duval, Legislative Assistant to Representative John E. Moss (D., Calif.), and gave her a copy of the unclassified pamphlet "The Central Intelligence Agency" and a copy of Mr. Helms' speech of 14 April 1971. This was in response to her call of yesterday in response to a constituent inquiry. Miss Duval was most appreciative.

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4. [REDACTED] Talked to Dr. Al Westphal, House Foreign Affairs Committee staff, who told me that the Committee Chairman is ready to appear before the Rules Committee whenever he is called to testify on S. 18. The bill is pending in Rules Committee but no date is scheduled for consideration. He does expect, however, that they will have the measure cleared through the House this year. [REDACTED] CA Staff, has been advised.

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5. [REDACTED] Met briefly with Carol Berdes, Administrative Assistant to Representative Ogden Reid (R., N.Y.), who told me that her final day in the office will be the 16th. I told her I will be by before she leaves to close out her secret clearance.

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1.

[REDACTED] Received a call from Miss Valerie Duval, Legislative Assistant to Representative John E. Moss (D., Calif.), who inquired whether Chairman Nedzi, Intelligence Subcommittee, and Chairman Mahon, House Appropriations Committee, would be the proper members of Congress for a constituent to contact concerning legislative oversight of the Central Intelligence Agency. After learning that it was a student who was doing a paper, I told Miss Duval that I had several items of an unclassified nature that might be of more help to the student than contacting other members and that I would drop by and give them to her on Friday.

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[REDACTED] Talked to George Berdes, Staff Consultant, National Security Policy and Scientific Developments Subcommittee staff, and in response to his question, told him that I would conduct a physical inspection of Room 2255 but that there would not be an electronic check of the room.

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[REDACTED] Charles Kendrick, Administrative Assistant to Senator Peter Dominick, called to say the Senator was interested in an item in the 15 October Washington Report of the American Security Council by a couple of prominent Cuban emigres entitled "The Soviet Iceberg Still Floats in the Caribbean." Kendrick said the Senator commented that this information was considerably more than anything he had gotten from the Agency, and would like our comments.

After consulting Chief, WH Division, I called Kendrick back to say the authors of the article were prominent, right-wing Cuban refugees and that their information was substantially accurate in many respects, but much was based on unconfirmed refugee reports and had been exaggerated and embellished by the authors. I said if Senator Dominick wanted point-by-point comment, we would be glad to provide it. Mr. Kendrick said he thought this was not necessary and appreciated our prompt response.

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11. [REDACTED] Met with Mr. Ralph Preston, House Appropriations Committee staff, who told me that he has not received a comeback copy from Chairman Mahon of the letter to Chairman Dulski, House Post Office and Civil Service Committee, concerning H. R. 11150. He assumes the letter did go out, however. He asked that I hold off on delivery of the safe probably until after the 11th when the Committee is scheduled to go to the floor with the Defense Appropriations bill. In response to my question he agreed that this will be a good time to clear out the back documents that have been held by the Committee for return to the Agency.

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